

I CLAIM:

1. A method for preventing unauthorized persons from entering and using a computer facility, said method comprising:

storing first fingerprints of authorized persons;

05 detecting a second fingerprint of a detected person to enter into the computer facility;

10 comparing said second fingerprint with said first fingerprints to determine whether the detected second fingerprint matches said stored first fingerprints or not, and

permitting said detected person to enter into the computer facility when said second fingerprint matches with said stored first fingerprints.

2. The method according to claim 1 further comprising providing a processor unit and a fingerprint image sensor, coupling said fingerprint image sensor to said processor unit for detecting said second fingerprint and for entering said second fingerprint into said processor unit.

3. The method according to claim 2 further comprising providing and coupling an input/output device to said processor unit for entering passwords into said processor unit.

4. A method for preventing unauthorized persons from entering and using a computer facility, said method comprising:

05 providing a processor unit and a fingerprint image  
sensor;

storing a first password in said processor unit;  
coupling said fingerprint image sensor to said  
processor unit;

10 storing first fingerprints of authorized persons  
in said processor unit;

detecting a second fingerprint of a detected  
person to enter into the computer facility with said  
finger print image sensor;

15 entering said second fingerprint into said  
processor unit;

comparing said second fingerprint with said first  
fingerprints to determine whether the detected  
fingerprint matches the stored fingerprints or not;

20 providing and coupling an input/output device to  
said processor unit for entering a second password into  
said processor unit, and

25 permitting said detected person to enter into the  
computer facility either when said second fingerprint  
matches with said stored first fingerprints or when  
said second password matches with said first password.

5. A method for preventing unauthorized persons  
from entering and using a computer facility, said  
method comprising:

05 providing a processor unit and a fingerprint image  
sensor;

storing a first password in said processor unit;  
coupling said fingerprint image sensor to said  
processor unit;

storing first fingerprints of authorized persons  
10 in said processor unit;

detecting a second fingerprint of a detected  
person to enter into the computer facility with said  
finger print image sensor;

entering said second fingerprint into said  
15 processor unit;

comparing said second fingerprint with said first  
fingerprints to determine whether the detected  
fingerprint matches the stored fingerprints or not;

providing and coupling an input/output device to  
20 said processor unit for entering a second password into  
said processor unit, and

permitting said detected person to enter into the  
computer facility when said second fingerprint matches  
with said stored first fingerprints and when said  
25 second password matches with said first password.